

CLAIMS

1. An agent for improving the keeping quality of food and drink, which contains a lipase-treated matter of 5 oil and fat.

2. The agent for improving the keeping quality according to Claim 1, wherein the oil and fat is animal oil and fat or vegetable oil and fat.

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3. The agent for improving the keeping quality according to Claim 2, wherein the animal oil and fat is milk fat.

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4. The agent for improving the keeping quality according to Claim 2, wherein the vegetable oil and fat is coconut oil.

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5. The agent for improving the keeping quality according to any one of Claims 1 to 4, which contains an acid or a culture of a lactic acid bacterium or a treated matter thereof.

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6. The agent for improving the keeping quality according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein the food and drink is bread.

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7. The agent for improving the keeping quality according to any one of Claims 1 to 6, wherein the agent for improving the keeping quality is an anti-mold agent.

8. A food and drink comprising the agent for improving the keeping quality according to any one of Claims 1 to 7 added thereto.

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9. A method for improving the keeping quality of

food and drink, which comprises adding a lipase-treated matter of oil and fat to the food and drink.

10. The method according to Claim 9, wherein the oil
5 and fat is animal oil and fat or vegetable oil and fat.

11. The method according to Claim 10, wherein the animal oil and fat is milk fat.

10 12. The method according to Claim 10, wherein the vegetable oil and fat is coconut oil.

13. The method according to any one of Claims 9 to 12, which comprises adding an acid or a culture of a lactic
15 acid bacterium or a treated matter thereof.

14. The method according to any one of Claims 9 to 13, wherein the food and drink is bread.

20 15. The method according to any one of Claims 9 to 14, wherein the method for improving the keeping quality is an anti-mold method.

25 16. A method for producing food and drink, which comprises adding a lipase-treated matter of oil and fat to the food and drink.

17. The method according to Claim 16, wherein the oil and fat is animal oil and fat or vegetable oil and fat.

30 18. The method according to Claim 17, wherein the animal oil and fat is milk fat.

35 19. The method according to Claim 17, wherein the vegetable oil and fat is coconut oil.

20. The method according to any one of Claims 16 to 19, which comprises adding an acid or a culture of a lactic acid bacterium or a treated matter thereof.

5 21. The method according to any one of Claims 16 to 20, wherein the food and drink is bread.

22. A food and drink obtained by the method according to any one of Claims 16 to 21.

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23. Bread containing a lipase-treated matter of oil and fat.

15 24. The bread according to Claim 23, wherein the oil and fat is animal oil and fat or vegetable oil and fat.

25. The bread according to Claim 24, wherein the animal oil and fat is milk fat.

20 26. The bread according to Claim 24, wherein the vegetable oil and fat is coconut oil.

25 27. The bread according to any one of Claims 23 to 26 containing an acid or a culture of a lactic acid bacterium or a treated matter thereof.